**EDGEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,**

**Monday 18th March 2019, 7:00pm**

**Present:** Mark Cook (vice chair) (MC) Anne Harrup

Lin Pateman (LP) Suzanne Longe (SL)

Emma Cletheroe (EC)

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk) +6 parishioners

**Parishioners comments:**

A Parishioner asked that further pond work be carried out soon. He was advised that there is an ongoing maintenance programme for the pond. A Parishioner asked what is happening regarding the sale of the playing field, as it appears that work has commenced there. It was noted that work is starting at the Broadland Housing site as early as 6:20 in the mornings. The Clerk will write to Broadland Housing to ask what their working hours are, and to see if they can attend the May meeting to discuss ongoing concerns.

**19/57. Chairman’s welcome and apologies for absence** – MC welcomed everyone and apologies were received for John Seymour, Harrie Morshuis, Steffan Aquarone (Norfolk County Councillor) and Graham Gower-Smith (Norfolk Police).

**19/58. Statements of pecuniary interests, and dispensations to speak** – None.

**19/59. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 18th March 2019** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed (prop. EC, sec. LP).

**19/60. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – The Clerk contacted Stody Estate and Steffan Aquarone regarding the access and compensation for the Pond Hills surveyors plot. There has been no response from Stody, but Steffan Aquarone is looking into the compensation issue.

**19/61. Police report** – PC Graham Gower-Smith emailed the Clerk to warn people that there have been arrests and court appearances relating to the recent spate of thefts. He reminded people to keep possessions secure.

**19/62. Report from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor** - None.

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| **19/63. Report from Georgie Perry-Warnes, District Councillor –** None. |

**19/64. Finance:**

**(a) To approve the monthly financial statement** – The Monthly financial statement had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was duly approved.

**(b) Payments** The Following payments were approved (prop. SL, sec. LP):

(i) K Cotgrove – Clerk’s April salary (via SO) £203.45

(ii) NALC – Annual subscription renewal £156.36

**19/65. Planning –**

1. **Refusal of permission** – None.
2. **Applications** – C/1/2018/1016. Pinkney’s Field, Breck Farm, Stody. The application was discussed at length. Concerns were raised that the river Glaven will be used to feed the reservoir, which is already very low. There was a suggestion that the purpose for the application is aggregate rather than a reservoir. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond with concerns regarding the Glaven, and to ask why the second reservoir is being applied for, when the first is not yet up and running.
3. **Development committee decision** – None.
4. **Decision notice** – None.
5. **Additional information on applications** - None.
6. **To discuss late planning applications** – PF/19/0608. Little Orchard, Pecks Lane, Edgefield. It was agreed that the Parish Council have no objection to this application.
7. **To ratify applications made between meetings** – None.

**19/66. To update on the Broadland Housing development** – Already covered in Parishioners’ comments. The Clerk heard back from the developers, who will ensure regular litter picks take place.

**19/67. To discuss the village** **green** – A Parishioner asked the Parish Council if they would consider tarmacking part of the village green to facilitate parking. It was agreed not to pursue this, as Councillors do not want to reduce the amount of green space in the village.

**19/68. To update on the Hornsea windfarm project** – The Open Floor Hearing on 25th March was well attended. The Inspection is now closed, and is awaiting the Inspectors’ decision.

**19/69. To update on community Speedwatch, and to discuss speed reduction in the village, including traffic survey** –Regular sessions are continuing. There will be no annual get together for co-ordinators this year, due to a lack of police funding. LP asked if the spare SAM2 battery and charger can be kept at the village hall, to ensure it can be replaced if JS is away. This was agreed (prop. EC, sec. AH). Jeremy Goldney is continuing to research a traffic survey. Information will be on the front page of the Edgefield Extra, to let everyone know what is happening. He is continuing to research other Parishes with the same issues, to see how they are approaching the problem.

**19/70. To update on Highways issues, to include upcoming Parish Ranger visit** – A number of jobs were identified and will be reported to the Parish Rangers.

**19/71. To review the following policies** – The following policies were reviewed and signed as necessary (prop. LP, sec. EC):

1. Financial Regulations
2. Financial Risk Assessment
3. Annual Review of Internal Audit
4. Annual Review of Internal Control
5. Asset Register

**19/72. Correspondence** – (i) Upcoming election on 2nd May 2019. The Clerk reported that there will not be a contested election, as seven people were nominated for the Parish Council.

**19/73. Matters for further discussion** – None.

**19/74. To agree the date of the next meeting –** Annual Parish Meeting 6:30pm and Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm on Monday 20th May 2019.

**19/75. To close the meeting** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:40pm.

Signed as a correct record by: Date: